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| Inhibiting B-Amyloid Peptide Release |) | |
| And/Or Its Synthesis |) | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced continuation application, please
amend the above-identified patent application as follows: